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**DASCHLE, OTHERS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE ON
AID TO AFRICA**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle, Senators Tom Harkin and Patrick Leahy, and Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Elijah Cummings will hold a press conference **tomorrow, Thursday, January 16 at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Radio and TV gallery** to unveil legislation providing emergency supplemental food assistance to Africa.

38 million Africans are threatened with starvation due to years of drought, war and economic instability.

WHO: Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle
 Senator Tom Harkin, Agriculture Committee Ranking Chair
 Senator Patrick Leahy
 Representative Elijah Cummings, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus

WHAT: Press conference on emergency food assistance to Africa

WHEN: Tomorrow, Thursday, January 16 at 2:15 p.m.

WHERE: Senate Radio and TV Gallery

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NEWS RELEASE

ORRIN HATCH

United States Senator for Utah

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HATCH PRAISES SUPREME COURT COPYRIGHT RULING

*Supreme Court rules in Eldred v. Ashcroft upholding the
Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998*

Washington – Sen. Orrin G. Hatch today praised the Supreme Court of the United States in its ruling in Eldred v. Ashcroft.

“As the principal author of the law at issue, I am pleased that the Supreme Court has expressed clearly and unequivocally today its deference to Congressional power over copyright matters under the Constitution in the case of Eldred v. Ashcroft,” stated Hatch.

“The Court raised and rejected every one of the challengers’ arguments that the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act was unconstitutional,” continued Hatch. “The Court made clear that both the constitutional text and long practice require substantial deference to Congress under the Copyright Clause, and upheld the Act against First Amendment challenge. I am pleased that the Court has removed any cloud from this important legislative protection for artists, authors and their heirs, and eliminated any legal basis for second-guessing Congress’s judgment that advances in technology, among other things, justify the extensions we made in the copyright term.”

“It is my continued belief that as we protect fully the rights of artists and creators to exploit their works, we all benefit by greater access to those works in new media, and further spur new creation to enrich our lives and the life of our nation,” continued Hatch.

Senator Hatch has long been a pioneer on copyright issues. He has been a principal author of most intellectual property laws over the past 25 years including the recent landmark digital copyright law -- the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act), signed into law by President Bush last November, which modifies the copyright laws to facilitate Internet education.

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